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SUBJECT: INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVALS AND COMPETITIONS

1. THE DEPARTMENT IS GIVING ASSISTANCE TO A NEWLY-FORMED PRIVATE GROUP WHICH IS ATTEMPTING TO ORGANIZE AND COORDINATE THE RESPONSE OF THE AMERICAN ARTS COMMUNITY TO INVITATIONS TO PARTICIPATE IN MAJOR INTERNATIONAL ARTS FESTIVALS AND COMPETITIONS. AS PART OF THIS EFFORT, WE ARE TRYING TO ASSEMBLE AS MUCH INFORMATION AS POSSIBLE ON THESE EVENTS. CONTACTS WITH INTERESTED OFFICIALS AND INSTITUTIONS HERE (INCLUDING FOREIGN DIPLOMATIC ESTABLISHMENTS) HAVE YIELDED MUCH INFORMATION, BUT HAVE ALSO LEFT UNANSWERED A SURPRISING NUMBER OF IMPORTANT ADDITIONAL QUESTIONS. THE POST'S ASSISTANCE IN FILLING IN THE GAPS WILL BE MUCH APPRECIATED. IT IS UNDERSTOOD THAT THIS TYPE OF INFORMATION IS SUBJECT TO CHANGE; THE LATEST AVAILABLE DATA (WITH NOTATION WHEN IT IS LIKELY TO CHANGE) IS WHAT IS SOUGHT.

2. KINDLY PROVIDE ANSWERS TO THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE: A. WHAT IS THE OFFICIAL TITLE OF AUSTRALIA BIENNIAL? B. WHO SPONSORS AND FINANCES THE
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EXHIBITIONS? C. HOW ARE ARTISTS SELECTED? ARE PRIZES

AWARDED? D. WHO ADMINISTERS THE EXHIBITION AND WHAT PROBLEMS DO THE ADMINISTRATORS TYPICALLY ENCOUNTER?

E. ARE DOCUMENTS AVAILABLE DESCRIBING PAST OR FUTURE SHOWS? PLEASE SEND COPIES OF CATALOGUES AND ENTRY GUIDELINES IF FEASIBLE. F. HAS ANOTHER BIENNIAL BEEN PLANNED FOR THE FUTURE? IF SO, WHEN WILL IT TAKE PLACE?

3. PLEASE ADDRESS REPLY TO CU/ARTS. SISCO

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